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City Receives \$20 Million Grant for New Main Library

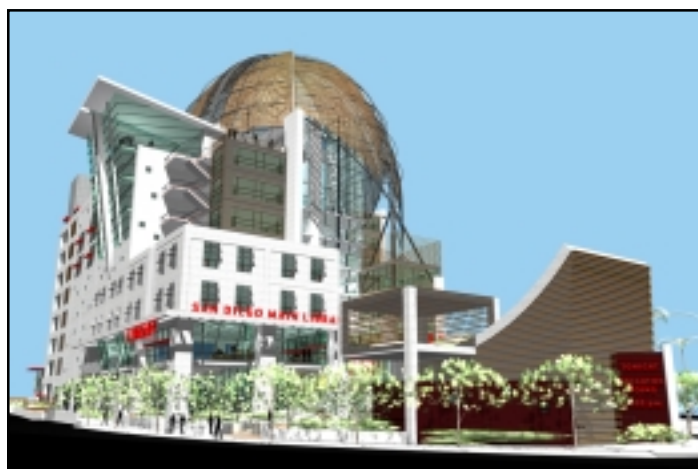
The City of San Diego has been awarded a \$20 million grant by the state to help fund a new Main Library in downtown San Diego. This is a major development that will

The new nine-story, 495,942 -square-foot library will replace the current Central Library built in 1954 for a city population that was then 450,000. Today, San Diego has more than 1.27 million citizens. The Central Library is deficient in space and cannot adequately serve library patrons. Approximately 60 percent of the library's collection is stored on two basement levels that are unavailable to the public.

To be located at 12th Avenue and K Street in downtown's East Village, the new Main Library will be a state-of-the art facility fully equipped for the digital age. It will have 500 dedicated parking spaces and room for future expansion. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2004 and be completed in 2007.

The new Main Library is one of 24 city libraries that will be built or improved over the next 10 years as part of a \$312.3 million, system-wide program. The program's first project, a new branch library in Point Loma, opened Sept. 20.

A total of \$350 million in state funds will be distributed for library projects by the California Public Library Construction and Renovation Board through 2004 under Proposition 14, approved by voters in March 2000. The



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new Main Library was selected out of more than 60 applications submitted for this second round of Proposition 14 funding. Last year, the city received \$5.35 million in Proposition 14 funding in the first round for a new Logan Heights Branch Library that will open in 2005.

There is one final round of Proposition 14 funding scheduled next year for which the city can apply. Proposition 14 money is only one of several funding options the city is using to finance its library system improvement program.

Seminars at Library Can Help You Purchase a Home

The Library is hosting two seminar series that assist people learn about what they need to do to purchase a home. The De Oro Group and NAHREP will present seminars titled "Your Home - Your Future The Journey to Renting or Buying Your Own Home" on Nov. 8 and 15 at Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch;

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage and the American Library Association will kick off its six-part series, titled "Path to Home Ownership @ your library," on Nov. 10 at Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch. Future seminars will be held Dec. 6 at North Clairemont Branch, Jan. 17 at Otay Mesa Branch,



Feb. 7 at Skyline Hills Branch, Feb. 23 at Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch, and March 20 at Paradise Hills Branch. All seminars are free and open to the public.

Call the branch location for more details or visit www.sandiego.gov.

Library to be Closed Nov. 11 and 27

All City libraries will be closed on Nov. 11 and 27 in observance of Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day respectively. Book drops will remain open for patrons' convenience.

Local Writers Sought by San Diego Public Library for 38th Annual Local Authors Event

The Library is searching for local authors, who published a book in 2003, to participate in the 38th annual Local Authors Exhibit.

This is a great opportunity for San Diego's literary talents to be recognized. Each year, hundreds of San Diego authors participate in the free event.

Local writers who had a book published this year are urged to contact the Library at 619-236-5847 for information on how to participate. The deadline for submission is Dec. 1, 2003.

The Local Authors Exhibit will be on display throughout February 2004 in the lobby of the Central Library located downtown at 820 E St. There will be a special preview reception for the authors on Jan. 31, 2004.

Library's New Calendar of Events Listings Allow Patrons to Easily Plan for Future Activities

A new calendar of events section on the Library's web site provides patrons with more up-to-date information about upcoming programs and activities.

"Anyone interested in what's happening at City libraries now has that information at their fingertips," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "We hope that more people will take advantage of the excellent programs available."

Each month the Library offers a variety of events and programs open to the public and usually free. Patrons will find listings of film presentations, workshops, classes, children's programs, author discussions, and many other events. The calendar can be organized by month, type of event or location. Users can also print listings or email them to friends.

This is not the only way people can find out about Library events. Earlier this year, the Library began offering the public a monthly email newsletter that has previews of the Library's upcoming activities and programs.

To access the new calendar of events, visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov, click on "Departments," choose "Library," and click on "Calendar of Events."

Original Stage Production at City Heights Library

An original production "The Boy and the Tooth Thief" will be performed at the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library's Performance Annex on Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. This new fairytale examines the essence of the hero/villain relationship. It's a coming-of-age story that follows a young man on a quest to fulfill his wish of becoming a hero. For more information, call 619-641-6123.

Coming Attractions

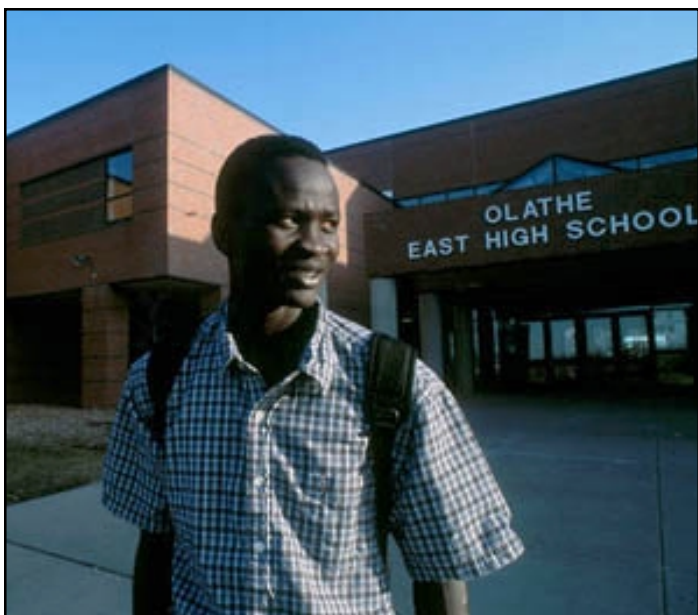


The Library regularly features a variety of movies, most of which are recent foreign or independent films that have not been widely distributed.

- **Nov. 2** – "**About Adam**" (2001), Central Library, 2 p.m. Irish screenwriter, playwright and director Gerard Stembridge's glib romantic comedy is a tale of familial sexual intrigue told from the multiple perspectives of three sisters and their brother.
- **Nov. 3** – "**Respiro**" (2002), Central Library, 6:30 p.m. Winner of the Cannes Critics Week Award, the film is in Italian with English subtitles.
- **Nov. 8** – "**Lost Boys of Sudan**," (2003), City Heights/Weingart Branch, Performance Annex, 7 p.m. follows two young Dinka refugees through their first year in America. See feature story on page 3.
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- **Nov. 16** – "**The Safety of Objects**" (2003), Central Library, 2p.m. This ensemble drama tells a series of interconnected stories about the lives of four suburban families struggling with boredom, disappointment, and unhappy marriages.
- **Nov. 17** – "**The Shape of Things**" (2003), Central Library, 6:30 p.m. A contemporary story of love, sex, and art set in a college town.
- **Nov. 21** – "**Old Yeller**" (1957), Mission Valley Branch, 7 p.m. A heartfelt Walt Disney story of a poor 1860s Texas family and the wonderful dog who befriends them. Famous for the ending that leaves no dry eye in the house.
- **Nov. 24** – "**The Man Without a Past**" (2003), Central Library, 6:30 p.m. Winner of the Grand Jury Prize and Best Actress Award for Kati Outinen, this film is in Finnish with English subtitles.
- **Nov. 26** – "**Treasure Planet**" (2002), Oak Park Branch, 6 p.m. Walt Disney Pictures' animated space adventure, based on Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island."

Fall Concert Series Concludes with "American Art Songs" Program

The Library's seven-part Fall Concert Series will conclude with a program featuring "American Art Songs." Performing on Nov. 9 will be soprano Debra McLaren, accompanied by Janie Prim on piano. The program is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. in the Central Library's auditorium.



"Lost Boys of Sudan" is a documentary that focuses on two boys who fled their war-torn country to live in the United States.

National Children's Book Week is Nov. 17-23

Free to Read, this year's theme for the 84th observance of the Children's Book Council's Children's Book Week, encourages children, and the adults who care for them, to exercise your right by spending some time with a book each day. Children's Book Week 2003 is Nov. 17-23.

The San Diego Public Library encourages everyone to participate. To help celebrate the special week, all libraries will have fun events and programs. Activities will include story times, a clown show, dance classes and performances, a magic show, homework tutoring, and other programs. For details, visit your local library.

For more information about Children's Book Week, visit the Children's Book Council web site at http://www.cbcbooks.org/html/book_week.html.

Library to Host Program Featuring Two Medal of Honor Recipients

The Library will host two Medal of Honor recipients, Capt. Robert J. Moorzejewski, U.S. Marine Corps, Ret.; and Capt. Jay R. Vargas, U.S. Marine Corps, Ret., on Nov. 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Central Library. Both men are profiled in "Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty," a new book by Peter Collier.

The program will include a short video from PBS on the subject of Medal of Honor recipients titled "American Valor." Capts. Moorzejewski and Vargas will tell about their service and the actions for which they were honored. They will also field questions about issues in the armed forces today, including recent military actions in the Middle East. The Friends of Central Library will be selling copies of Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty at this event and the two speakers will be available to autograph the book.

A Free Preview of the Film "Lost Boys of Sudan" to be Shown at Two Libraries

This is a Sneak Peak at a Program That is Part of Public Broadcasting System's POV Series

A special preview of "Lost Boys of Sudan," a documentary about Sudanese refugees living in the United States, will be screened at two City libraries in November. The program will be presented by the Library, International Rescue Committee, Alliance for African Assistance, Immigration Museum of New Americans, and P.O.V.

The film will be shown Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Performance Annex of the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave.

The film will also be shown Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego. The screenings are free and open to the public.

For the last 20 years, civil war has raged in Sudan, killing an estimated 2 million people and displacing more than 4 million others. The Dinka tribe has been hardest hit.

"Lost Boys of Sudan" follows two young Dinka refugees, Peter and Santino, through their first year in America. As small boys, Peter and Santino lost their families to the war and were forced to flee their homes. Along with 20,000 other boys, they wandered hundreds of miles across the desert seeking safety. After a decade in a Kenyan refugee camp, nearly 4,000 "lost boys" have come to the United States as part of a refugee resettlement effort. Peter and Santino set out to make new lives for themselves in Houston. Their struggle asks us to rethink what it means to be an American.

Following the screenings, members of the Alliance for African Assistance and of the International Rescue Committee will discuss the resettlement efforts in San Diego. The Immigration Museum of New Americans will discuss its mission and its role in the community. One of the filmmakers, Megan Mylan, will facilitate the discussion.

The film was produced by P.O.V., public television's annual award-winning showcase for independent non-fiction films. "Lost Boys of Sudan" is scheduled to debut on national public television in the fall of 2004.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

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